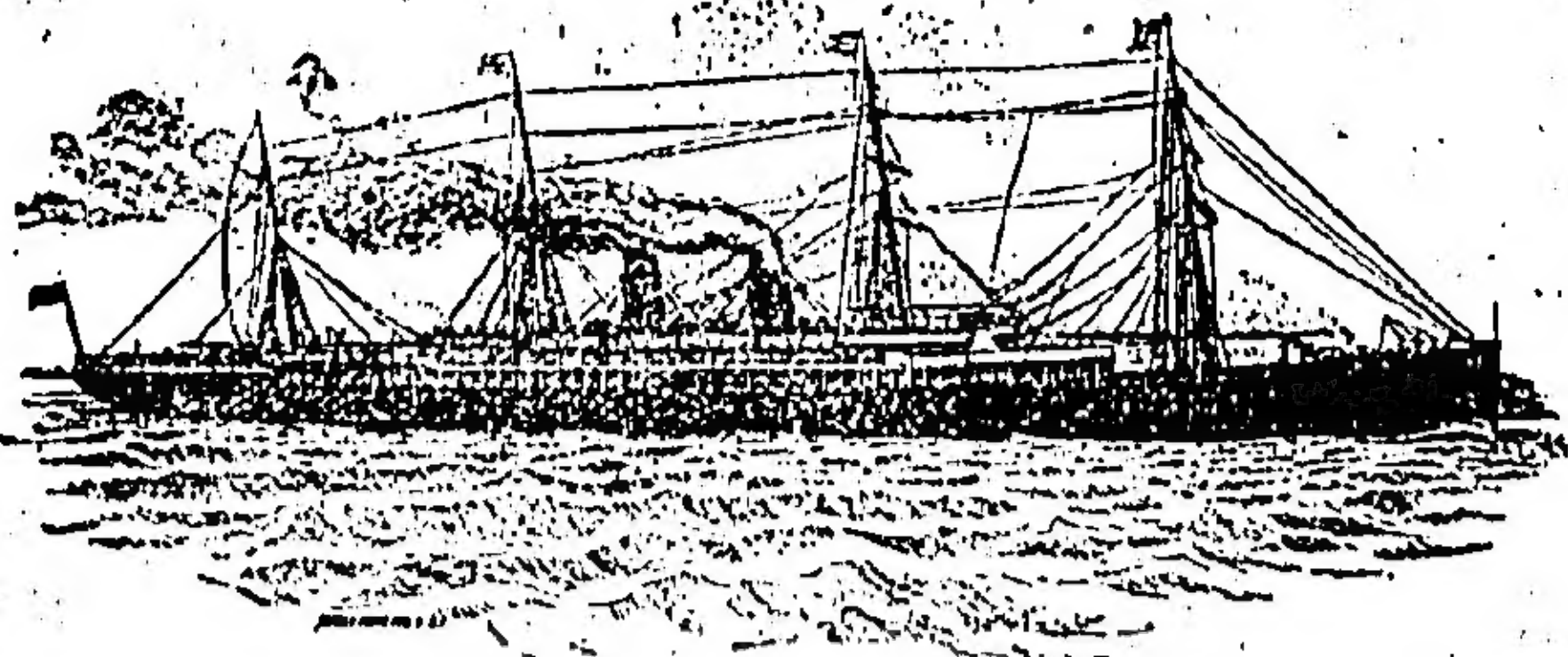






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PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
"CITY OF PEKING".....SATURDAY, 22nd August, at Noon.  
"DORIO".....TUESDAY, 1st September, at Noon.  
"NIPPON MARU".....TUESDAY, 8th September, at Noon.  
"SIBERIA".....WEDNESDAY, 16th September, at Noon.  
"COPTIC".....SATURDAY, 26th September, at Noon.  
"AMERICA MARU".....TUESDAY, 3rd October, at Noon.  
"KOREA".....TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.  
"GALLI".....TUESDAY, 20th October, at Noon.  
"HONGKONG MARU".....WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S.	Tons	Sailing Date
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 26th August.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd September.
"TARTAR"	4,475	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"TARTAR"	4,475	WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

The magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS) saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 Hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1903.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
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(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
SITHONIA	HAVRE, ANTWERP, and HAMBURG.	29th August.
Hildebrandt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	12th Sept.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd Sept.
von Dohren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
ABESSINIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th October.
Filler	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
ARABIA	NEW YORK	20th August.
Bahle	VIA SUEZ CANAL.	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE,  
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1903.

## Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND  
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LTD.

## HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S.	Tons	Captain
"HONAM"	2,363	H. D. Jones.
"POWAN"	2,138	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,169	A. W. Fox, R.N.
"HANKOW"	3,073	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,860	J. J. Lussius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).  
Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily (Sunday excepted) at about 8 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5.30 P.M.  
These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.  
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S.	Tons	Captain
"HEUNGSHAN"	1,998	W. E. Clarke.

Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. } Sunday Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. } excepted.

## CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S.	Tons	Captain
"LUNGSHAN"	219	T. Hamlin.

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.  
CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S.	Tons	Captain
"NANNING"	567	R. D. Thomas.
"SAINAM"	588	H. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—  
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,  
18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.  
Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

## Intimations.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS, ENLARGING, AND  
COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

AMATEUR WORK GIVEN SPECIAL  
ATTENTION.  
FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK.  
ORIENTAL  
COSTUMES AND  
FANCY DRAPERIES  
FURNISHED.  
WORK GUARANTEED TO BE  
THE BEST IN THE COLONY.

LADIES' SPECIAL TOILET ROOM.

964c] PATRONAGE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.

## THEY HAVE ARRIVED

57 Varieties of good things for the table.

Do you know that HEINZ SWEET PICKLES are known throughout the world for their delicate aromatic flavor and distinctive virtues?

THE MUTUAL STORES,  
25, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1903.

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## HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.  
Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.  
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.  
Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

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## INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,  
VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT  
GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,  
The Price of which has been reduced to  
FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

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## Intimations.

## THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

## No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

## No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8 ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 376.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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## GO TO THE

## KOWLOON HOTEL,

FRANK F. JEWELL, KOWLOON. J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS STERLING per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the SEVENTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [989c]  
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 12 o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1903. [908c]

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the SUBJUNCTION RESOLUTIONS will be proposed, viz:—

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine.

2. That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—  
"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

MID-SUMMER EXCURSION TRIPS TO JAPAN AND BACK.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared during the months of JULY and AUGUST to issue First Class Return Tickets from Hongkong to Yokohama and Back for the Round Fare of Yen 98 payable in Local Currency. Return Tickets are available for return up to the 31st October, 1903.

Stop-over Privileges allowed at any way port, and between Moji and Kobe passengers have the Option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For Information as to Sailings, Steamers, &c., apply at the Company's Local Offices in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1903.

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## THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that GOTTLIEB TAUSIG, of No. 215, Schonbrunnerstrasse, Vienna, Perfumer, has on the 23rd day of September, 1902, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following TRADE MARK:—

A design of flowers with a star in the centre containing a basket of flowers with an S on each alternate point of the star and the words Toilette Seifen and Parfumerie Fabrik, Gottlieb Taussig, Wien, and underneath the basket a monogram G.T., in the Name of GOTTLIEB TAUSIG who claims to be the Proprietor thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the applicant since about 1882 in respect of the following Goods:—

PERFUMED SOAP IN CLASS 48.  
A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 14th day of July, 1903.  
DENNIS & BOWLEY,  
Solicitors for the Applicant

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## NOTICE.

THE Attention of Householdors is drawn to the fact that stagnant pools and collections of water in broken flower pots, broken jars, &c. standing in their premises are a source of danger to people residing therein, and to warn them that the Sanitary Board intend to treat such as nuisances.

By Order,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Sanitary Board Room,  
14th July, 1903.

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## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

OWING to the Rise in Exchange, the PRICE OF ICE will be REDUCED TO ONE CENT AND A HALF per Pound from the 11th AUGUST.

WM. McMURRAY,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1903. [959c]

## REIN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.  
In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [19c]

## TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.  
Sole Agents—  
SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [595d]

## WANTED.

A BRITISH MALE TEACHER for a Private School in Hongkong.

Apply to—  
"M.M."  
C/o this Paper.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [944c]

## DON'T BE LATE!!!

AMERICAN WATER MELONS!!!

Are now just in season and beat everything in the market. Come quickly or else the season will be over.

CHING SHAN CHAN,  
Central Market.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1903. [777c]



## SAKURA-NO-HANA.

JAPAN'S GREAT APRIL FESTIVAL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM.

Japan has aptly enough been called the Great Britain of Asia, but instead of two large islands as with us, there are four—Hondo, Yezo, Shikoku, and Kinshiu. All through the vast area of 170,000 square miles in this archipelago, and among nearly all the forty-four millions of inhabitants, the great national festival of April is celebrated with the most genuine popular ecstasy. The middle of April is the climax of the marvellous season of cherry bloom. Many flowers and trees effloresce during most of the year in Japan, but to see the beautiful island Empire in all its glory it must be visited in the spring.

For no country in the world has nature done more than for Japan, and it is only fair to say that the native art has done everything to sustain harmony with the wonderful advantages thus inherited. In America I heard a young student boasting, "This is God's own country!" Instantly an older American remarked, "Yes, that it is; but we Americans do not know how to take care of it." It can never be alleged against the Japanese that they have spoiled their land. No scenery is spoiled, and no fair landscape is defaced. These fascinating people are born artists, and unconsciously regulate everything by a refined aestheticism. They themselves are seen at their very best during their grand national festivals. In some countries such occasions develop displays of the worst national characteristics.

The great "Matsuri," or Feast of Sakura-No-Hana ("Cherry Blossom"), follows the season when the country has been ablaze with the rich crimson of *Pyrus japonica*, which flowers out close to the ground most gorgeously. That vast pompous carpet fades away from the landscape just before the overhead sea of fragrant white foam on millions of cherry-trees bursts like an immense tidal wave over the prospect. The countless "sakura-no-ki," or cherry-trees, when April is fairly in, begin to present a strange contrast to their winter aspect. They have through the time of snow stood out with their dark-brown limbs only lightly flecked with the white flakes, but suddenly in the genial April atmosphere, when all around is of the richest green, these trees mimic the vanished snow wreaths by developing on every branch myriads of the purest petals. The exquisite exuberance of blossom everywhere distills a captivating fragrance through the warm air. The delicate banners hung out in all directions give the signal through all the land to the light-hearted folk to suspend toil and forget care, and to exchange work for the most refined joys in sympathy with nature in its softest and sweetest mood.

On this delightful national holiday several special ceremonies are worth description. One of these is the Maiko Dori. This is in some of its observance similar to the ceremony of Bom Matsuri, or the "Spirit Festival," which is the chief of Japanese annual religious celebrations. Many pretty mats are spread about a large room for the comfort of the guests, who, of course, take off their shoes as they enter. The orchestra is large, consisting sometimes of as many as sixty singers and players on the "samisen" and other native instruments. These are very picturesquely arrayed. Each wears a new "kimono," or outer loose wrapper of white and pink, to harmonize with the delicate tints of cherry blossom. That little orchestral crowd is calculated to ravish the heart of any artist. When all the guests are assembled, a beautiful young geisha, dressed somewhat more vividly than the rest of the performers, sits gracefully to the "zen," which is a table raised only six inches from the ground, exactly after the fashion of the feasting tables seen everywhere in Turkey and Morocco. All Orientals alike adore the idea of feeding, except when squatting on the ground. At the "zen" the geisha quickly prepares a bowl of tea. This she has evidently learned how to make for the spirit feast, for she goes in expert style through the antique Cga-No-Yu method. The tea on this occasion is a most delicate decoction. Only the powdered first leaves of the plant may be used. The powder is dropped into the boiling water in presence of the company, who look on with intense interest, while the maiden then energetically stirs the mixture with a bamboo brush till the surface thickly foams.

The little feast is a refined repast. Each guest is handed one tiny cup of the fragrant decoction, together with two elegant little cakes frosted with pink sugar. One of these must be eaten on the spot; but the other is to be taken away. These sweetmeats are made in cherry-blossom shape. This feast is intended to be a memorial of the ancient spirit of Japan, and has about it an intentional homage to ancestors. While the tea is sipped, several geishas go through a most graceful symbolical performance. Coloured lamps glow softly down on the singers and dancers. First they represent a picture of spring by holding up as they move about lovely umbrellas covered with real and artificial flowers, and also bouquets of flowering shrubs. Suddenly the scene changes, and, as if by magic, the whole picture is one of summer. Then the little picture-dance brings autumn before the eyes of the fascinated spectators, for the geishas are waving the faded leaves of the hectic season mingled with lovely chrysanthemum flowers. Lastly, the dance gradually slackens as a gleaming snow-landscape is seen on the little stage, and the performers gently retire to their places. Thus, the Maiko Dori ceremonial, introduced into many a cultured circle at the time of the Shaura-No-Hana Matsuri, seems to teach a lesson concerning the changes and the pathos of life.

The Cherry Blossom Festival is a time of universal picnic. The sweet-mannered "musumes," or tea-garden waitresses, have some little customs of their own in which the people take intense interest. Selecting a tree on which the lovely blossoms are double-

petalled, and where the bloom is thus most profuse and fragrant, they creep under the boughs and tie strips of white paper to the branches. The action has for its purpose the alliance of poetry and the flowers, for on each paper is beautifully written some choice and elegant fragment of song. Those who untie these missives do so with profound curiosity, for they will look for some happy intimations of destiny in the messages thus communicated while the bees are murmuring among the branches.

People of all ranks, aristocratic or democratic, mingle freely in the crowds. All delight in a very simple form of indulgence, generally towards the close of the day. A favourite beverage is served at the pretty tea-houses. It is prepared from dried and salted sakura petals. Thus the delicate cherry-blossom is made to serve a substantial use. The sakura tea is accompanied by the little cakes, covered with pink sugar, made in the form of buds and flowers, already referred to. The Japanese love harmonious concomitants. The festival lasts for several days. Though the people are strenuous and diligent, they love to take life gently. They do not hurry their festival to a close. From the old days, when money-making was despised, the disposition to enjoy life has descended even to the "present" generation. The Japs have two interesting proverbs relating to time. "If in a hurry go round" (*Isagaba mawaru*). "Hurrying ruins the matter" (*Saita wa koto wo shizumaru*). They think that haste makes waste. In former days the merchant was the lowest of the four social classes. These were the soldier, farmer, artisan, and merchant. The idea that money is the chief end of life is altogether strange to the mind of this nation. Happily, these simple folk are not too much modernized to enjoy their time-honoured festivals. They are the truest children of nature left in the world with its progressive civilization. And if they love to take their time about both the duties and the pleasures of life, it must be remembered that this tendency will be a potent factor in determining some matters in the future. Should they be unfortunately provoked to fight, they will not rush into conflict till they have with deliberation and determination made everything ready for the struggle.—P.J.G.

## Intimations.

## THE ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.

## PIANO CLEARANCE SALE.

MUST be sold to make Room for New Stock. 200 PIANOS now being manufactured in Europe and Hongkong for coming season. These Pianos will be of guaranteed quality and will be sold at exceptionally low prices.

	Cost.	Selling.
RONISCH (Owner's Property)...	...	\$400
SQUIRE (Owner's Property) ...	...	350
BORD (Owner's Property).....	...	285
WERNER, UPRIGHT GRAND (Owner's Property) .....	...	450
KELLY (Owner's Property) .....	...	200
HOPKINSON .....	\$50	300
HORIZONTAL GRAND (Second-hand).....	900	100
KRELL .....	800	450
NEEDHAM .....	800	450
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD. 475	...	400
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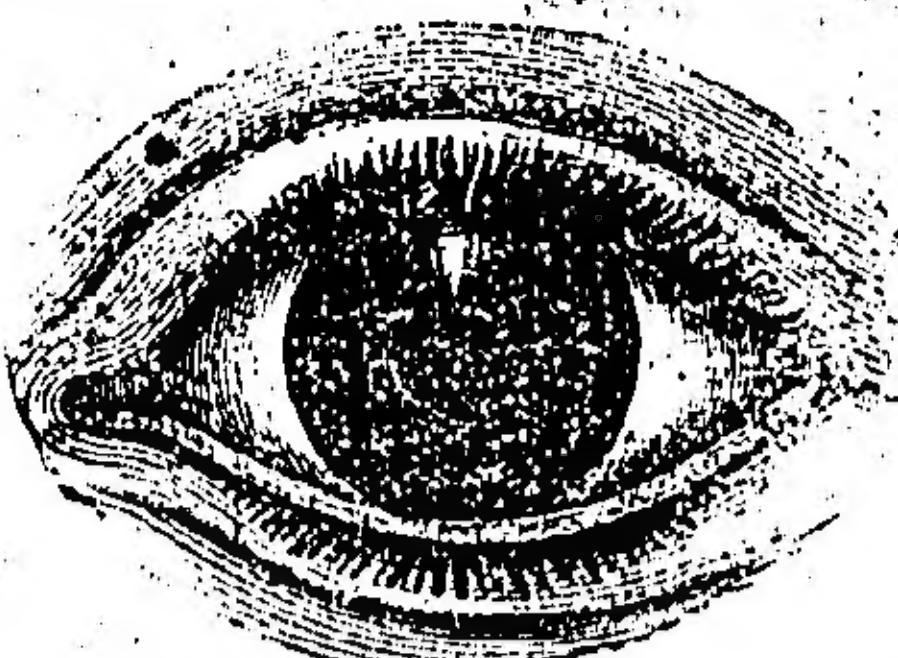
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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1903.

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

From a well-informed source, we learn that changes in the personnel of the present administration of French Indo-China are impending. As a paying concern French colonial in the Far East have never been considered as up to much by those acquainted with the fiscal administration of the country. M. Beau, who succeeded M. Doumer, the active colonial expansionist, with M. Charles Hardouin as his secretary, has not succeeded in the Sisyphean task set for him in adjusting the financial condition of the possessions of France in the Farther East. His was a difficult task, and it is not surprising that the report reaches us now that the Governor-General is at his wit's end to adjust the Budget for the next fiscal year, which promises to reveal a large deficit. His Excellency has, therefore, had to fall on the *Conseil Supérieur* for advice, and a meeting of the chief council of French Indo-China has been called for the 28th inst. when the principal business to be considered by that body will be the subject of "ways and means." The finances of Tongking have been drifting from bad to worse, and when the recent disastrous storm swept over the country, matters appear to have been precipitated. Owing to the destruction of the crops by wind and water, the natives have been reduced to a state of impecuniosity, and the price of rice—their staple food—has risen to twice its normal cost. Rumour has been busy associating the name of M. Pierre Baudin, the Deputy, and ex-Minister of Public Works, with the supercession of M. Beau in the governor-generalship of French Indo-China. The Press in Saigon and Haiphong, under practical Government control and probable subvention, scoffs at the mention of M. Baudin's prospective appointment to Tongking. His well-known ability and his ready appreciation of the superior commercial methods of England over that of France may lead to a change in the commercial policy of his country in these regions with incalculable benefit to the Republic and her cherished possessions in the Orient. With him will be associated as financial adviser an official of tried experience and great repute in fiscal matters who was out in the East during M. Doumer's régime. It seems pretty certain that party politics in France begin, although tardily, to realise that for the successful administration of her colonies officials with business aptitude are required rather than mere illusionists for further territorial aggrandisement with no resultant practical benefit to the Republic.

THE REFORM OF THE CON-  
SULAR SYSTEM.

The writer of an article in a recent number of the *Quarterly Review* exposes the faults and shortcomings of the British Consular system, and after going point by point through its indictment, says, "we claim to have shown that the whole system stands in urgent need of thorough reform; and that need was never so great as to-day, when our commerce is threatened on all sides, as it never has been before, by active, enterprising, and intelligent rivals. The materials for that reform are ready to hand. We assert that public economy has in this particular been carried to a point at which it ceases to be compatible with efficiency, and becomes the worst form of extravagance. But we have also shown that, even if no addition is made to the present parsimonious votes, the nation should and can obtain a better, far better, return for its outlay than it now gets." This unsatisfactory state of affairs is now borne out by Labouchere, who gives a local bearing to the indictment by asking that someone in authority at the Foreign Office might look into the case of the consular constables at the British Consulates in China and Japan. He maintains that these appointments, for which a small Civil Service examination has to be passed, are generally held by men who have served in the Army or the Navy, and it is seemingly on the *lucus a non-lucendo* principle that they are styled constables, for the duties they perform are practically those of shipping clerks. What they complain of, he says, is not their official designation, but the inadequacy of the initial salary of \$75 a month, and the niggardliness

of the annual increase of \$1 a month. With the growing cost of living in China, and the diminishing value of the dollar, they contend that this wage, which is not augmented by an allowance for fuel or light or the provision of furnished quarters, is utterly insufficient for any European, more especially as the maintenance of a native servant is indispensable. The Consuls have great difficulty in obtaining, or at least keeping, suitable men as constables, and it is believed that they have repeatedly recommended the payment of a better salary. If it is a fact that these constables commence on a salary of \$75 per month, minus allowances, we are not in the least surprised to learn that complaints are being received at home on the need for reform in the Consular system. A dollar has not very great purchasing power in China nowadays, and to live on \$75 a month with the prospect of a nominal annual increase will not tend to increase the efficiency of the consular department of the service.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hungarian Cabinet has resigned.

THE British cruiser *Stirling* left for Weihaiwei yesterday.

GENERAL Coronat has been appointed commander-in-chief of the troops in French Indo-China.

Do your own developing without a dark room by using an Eastman developing machine. LeMunyon.—*Adv.*

Two further cases of plague have been notified, which, with 13 last week, make a total, since January 1st, of 1,395.

THE Zionists, otherwise known as the Dowryites, a sect that had its origin in Chicago, about five years ago, have been prohibited from settling in St. Petersburg.

EIGHT Chinese have arrived in Berlin to serve in the German Army. They are to study German first at Cassel, after which they will be sent to various regiments.

THE Coronation of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor has been definitely fixed for the 13th of September. The ceremony will take place at Klang, where His Highness now resides.

A St. Petersburg telegram asserts that the Russian Government are resolved to prohibit the residence of foreigners in Manchuria during the ensuing six years pending the restoration of order.

Framing, fancy and artistically done by LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

THE name of the man who fired two shots at the French premier, Combes, is Picolo, an Italian. He has been arrested, but the official version denies that an attempt had been made on the Premier's life, or that the shots were fired at his carriage.

THE P. & O. Company's steamer *Himalaya*, which left London on 10th ult., took the following specie for—Penang dollars silver, £30,000; Singapore bar silver, £10,000; Hongkong coin silver, £15,075. The P. & O. *Sacra* sailed on 11th ult. with £4,800 in dollars for Penang.

THUS a Tokio wire of 10th inst.—Every incoming liner from America brings Japanese from the United States and from Hawaii. They are pouring in to enlist in the army of the Mikado. The spirit that animated the two sworded warriors of Japan before the Meiji reign is supreme.

WE understand that half the capital, or a quarter million dollars, of the proposed Canton and Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., has been privately subscribed, and that only 25,000 shares of \$10 each are now offered to be subscribed for by the public. The promoters are represented almost entirely by Chinese.

IT is a neat coincidence that when the battleship *Goliath* was leaving Colombo harbour on her way home she was assisted away from her moorings by the little harbour tug *Goliath*. It is a mercy the latter was not called *Dashit*. For in that case she might have run the battleship down, quite by accident, of course.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 16th August, 1903:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	203	49
Chinese	74	2,202
Total	282	2,251

IN printing a wire regarding the renewed activity of Mount Vesuvius, the *Cable News* points out that, according to the Manila Observatory reports, the movements of the magnetic needles, has been somewhat irregular and extraordinary during the last few days, and showed some agitation, owing, perhaps, to the influence of the volcanic eruptions of Vesuvius and those in Martinique.

A LADY and gentleman recently married in Hongkong returned to Manila where the latter said he had "a deuce of a time in the British city in making the contract." He told of how the authorities tried to put him off fifteen days before the knot could be legally tied, but after through a special fee to the Governor for his services the wedding was allowed to go on. However, his advice to all "lads" who are in the market for such speculation is to be married outside of Hongkong.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

THE Korean Government are considering a proposal for the formation of a Navy. The matter has been discussed at a Cabinet meeting.

AS the time draws nearer for the Cup Race the belief grows in America that Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, *Shamrock III*, has more than a good chance to lift the trophy.

ON the 7th inst., King Peter ordered the arrest of many important Servians for conspiracy. This was done upon evidence furnished by the newly appointed Minister of War.

A LONDON cable of 11th inst. states:—China, in pursuance of the repeal of the regulation imposed by the Powers during the internal disturbances, can now import arms and munitions of war.

WHITAKER Wright, the notorious English embezzler who was extradited from America, has been released on bail. The bonds for his release were placed at a quarter of a million dollars.—*Ex.*

A NATIVE was this morning sentenced at the Magistracy to six months' hard labour for trying to snatch a silver watch and chain from P. C. Price while walking along Queen's Road yesterday afternoon.

TWO months' hard labour, fourteen strokes with the birch, and solitary confinement, was the sentence passed upon a native at the Magistracy on Saturday for snatching an umbrella from a servant girl.

Fresh Kodak film, plenty of them, at LeMunyon's, 31, Des Vaux Road.—*Adv.*

A NEW York wire of 12th inst. states that three thousand natives of the Island of Martinique are homeless there owing to a frightful hurricane. Funds are being raised in New York to assist the destitute.

ACCORDING to a wire, dated London, 9th inst., the Board of Trade has stated that its attitude on the plan of the Colonial Secretary as to a revision of the present Free Trade system of Great Britain, is adverse.

A DESPATCH from Seoul, dated 7th inst., reports that Russia has obtained from the Korean Government a lease of two hundred acres of territory on the Yalu river. The lease is for the customary period of ninety-nine years.

THE alleged secret treaty of Russia with Tibet has greatly excited China, says a Peking wire of 9th inst. Tibet is a dependency of China, and is governed by mandarins sent from China. It is believed that Russia is trying to get control of the country.

THE war is on in the Balkans, says a London cable of 8th inst. Eighty thousand Turks are arrayed in one army opposing the revolutionists. The Macedonian revolutionary committee has sent out a proclamation fixing August 31 as the date of a general uprising against the Turks. The Powers will undoubtedly interfere in Macedonia if the present state of affairs keeps up.

NEW YORK reports that the trouble between labour and capital grows more acute all over the United States. There are a dozen strikes raging now—especially is there friction between Union members of the printing trades, and employers of this sort of labour. In New York there is a combination of employers representing billions which has thrown down the gauntlet to those unions asking the impossible, and has an organized bureau to fight them.

IT is reported that twelve days ago a gang of robbers decoyed one of the wealthiest and most charitable merchants of Canton to the hills, and then demanded from his friends the payment of \$10,000 as ransom at the same time threatening that if the money was not forthcoming the captive would be murdered in ten days. The ransom not being handed over the merchant was killed at the expiration of the ten days. We have been unable to obtain further details of the affair, but there is no reason for doubting the information which came from a well-informed European gentleman at Canton.

Mail your films and Kodak orders to LeMunyon, P. O. B. 368.—*Adv.*

HONGKONG evidently offers a good field for the art photographer, as during the past few weeks another studio has been opened in Victoria, and judging from the quality of the work that is being executed a successful business should result. Mr. C. W. Clark, who was for many years engaged in the United States, has opened a European studio at 4, Ice House Street where an elaborate set of rooms replete with modern fittings and photographic accessories has been specially arranged. The studio is exceptionally bright and attractive and the screens for controlling the high lights are such as should produce well-finished negatives. His cameras are of the latest make and evidently contain most costly lenses, as the pictures and portraits already taken are sharp in every detail, while the prints on aristocratic paper for platinum and carbon effects should please the most fastidious. Mr. Clark is not hampered for want of space in his workrooms, each process necessary in the production of a photograph being carried on in a separate department so that the chances of an indifferent picture are reduced to a minimum. Sitters who have patronised the studio are more than satisfied with the results, and readers should inspect some of his work which should secure for this enterprising photographer a fair share of patronage.

THE H. C. & M. S. B. CO.  
v. THE GOVERNMENT.

## JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

In the Supreme Court this morning the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G. Wise, gave judgment in the action brought by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, against the Attorney General, on behalf of the Government of Hongkong, in which the plaintiffs sought to obtain a declaration by the Court that the erection and maintenance of a certain match was a breach by the Government of an agreement and lease; that the erection and maintenance of a substituted match was a breach by the Government of the Crown lease; and that they should have an injunction to restrain the Government from continuing the breach of the lease and from obstructing the plaintiffs' use of their wharf, and claiming damages for the breach, obstruction and injuries together with costs of the action.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. H. J. Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff company, and the Attorney General (the Hon. Sir H. S. Berkeley) instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, represented the Government.

His Lordship said:—In this case the plaintiffs claim damages for the breach of the provisions of a verbal agreement and Crown Lease, and for the obstruction thereof. There were also certain other allegations in the pleadings as to illegal searching, but as no mention is made on those points in the claim, and as I am clearly of opinion that the plaintiffs could not recover damages under those heads I shall ignore the point altogether. The facts are shortly as follows:—In or about December, 1899, the plaintiffs entered into a verbal agreement with the Government for the erection of a wharf, and the said verbal agreement continued in force until the execution of a Crown Lease, dated October 1, 1901, which was for a period of 28 years from January 1, 1902. By this Crown Lease the right of erecting and maintaining the wharf was deemed to be the plaintiffs. Prior to the execution of the said Crown Lease (October 1, 1901) the Government erected a match over the sea against the eastern side of the said wharf. After the commencement of these proceedings this match was injured in a typhoon and the Government erected another one about five feet away from the wharf. The matches were used by the opium farmer for searching passengers. The plaintiffs complained that these matches caused an obstruction and interfered with their right of access and therefore were in breach of the provisions of their original verbal agreement and subsequent Crown Lease. After the pleadings had been filed the Court ordered that an issue or issues of law should be framed and disposed of as a preliminary step. Accordingly, the following issue of law was agreed upon:—Assuming that the facts, matters, and things alleged in the amended statement of claim and reply (included by consent) are proved do they constitute a cause of action by the plaintiff against the defendant? Before going into the case, I had better dispose of the point raised by the plaintiffs which, if decided in their favour, puts an end to the action at once. In the amended statement of claim it is alleged and admitted that the Government erected a match, and it is alleged that the erection of such match was a breach of the Government of the provisions of the said verbal agreement and Crown Lease. It was contended on behalf of the plaintiffs that by the terms of the issue before the Court the defendant had admitted that there had been a breach and that therefore there was an end of the matter. The defendant contended that he had only admitted acts, etc., namely, the erection of the match, but that he did not admit the breach, as that was not an act, etc., but a mere deduction of law made by the plaintiffs, and I am of opinion that such contention is correct. If I had been hearing this case with a jury it is perfectly clear I should not have left the question of breach to the jury. Therefore I think that the plaintiffs have failed in their contention. As to the other points raised at the hearing I think that it will be convenient, having decided that the defendant has not admitted a breach, to consider the question as to breach or no breach, reserving the further question raised as to whether this action is founded on tort or on contract. Taking therefore the plaintiffs' contention that this action is founded on contract it will be necessary to inquire as to what are the general rules to be followed in construing contracts of this nature. It is clearly laid down that in construing grants from the Crown such grants, contrary to the usual rule, are to be construed strictly against the grantee, and that nothing passes except that which is expressed or which is a matter of necessary and unavoidable intent in order to give effect to the claim and undoubted intention of the grant (see *Cockburn v. Feather v. Reg.*, 6 Best and Smith, 283). In the present case the demise in the Crown Lease was the right of erecting and maintaining the wharf and nothing else so far as the wording of the Lease goes. It was argued on behalf of the plaintiff that there must be an implied covenant for free access and quiet enjoyment and that there had been a breach of such covenant by the erection of the match which the defendant admitted prevented free access. The defendant contended, firstly, that in accordance with the rule referred to above the grant must be construed strictly as a grant to effect and maintain alone and nothing could be implied; and, secondly, that even if such a covenant might be implied in certain cases yet it could not in this case, as the match had been erected prior to the execution of the Crown Lease, and that therefore the plaintiffs took the Lease with the obstruction there. It is true that the Lease dates back to a period prior to the erection of the match, but they made no objection to its erection, and

took their lease with it beforehand. The plaintiffs, however, state that they did not immediately object because they thought it was only a temporary erection. This explanation is unsatisfactory to me, and I am of opinion that under the circumstances even if such a covenant could ever be implied it ought not to be in this case (see *Robson v. Palace Chambers* 11 Times L. R. 56). For these reasons I am of opinion that there has been no breach of contract as alleged by the plaintiffs. The defendant also contended that the whole action was founded on tort and that no such action could be brought against the Crown, and quoted *Feather v. Reg.* (referred to before) where Cockburn, C. J. states: "It follows that a petition of right which complains of a tortious act done by the Crown, or by a public servant by the authority of the Crown discloses no matter of complaint which can entitle a petitioner to redress, and that as our Code of Civil Procedure, Sec. 478, enacts that claims against the Colonial Government must be of the same nature as claims within the provisions of the Petitions of Right Act 1860, this action does not lie. Although in the face of my previous ruling it is unnecessary to decide this point, yet I am inclined to think that at all events when these proceedings were first instituted the right of action, if any, was in the nature of an action for trespass, though I have not found a case that goes quite so far. The Attorney General also referred to Schedule D. of Ordinance 15, of 1889 and as there is no evidence before me of exact dates of the commencement of the verbal negotiations between the parties, and as the Crown Lease ran from January 1st, 1902, I do not feel inclined to rest my decision on this contention. As the result of the above I find that the defendant succeeds on the issue of law and is entitled to his costs. The Court adjourned.

## LAND SALES.

## NEW TERRITORIES.

At the offices of the Public Works Department this afternoon two lots of Crown land situated between Deep Bay and Ping Shan, New Territory, were put up for sale by public auction. The first of these, comprising 4,900 square feet and held at an annual Crown rent of \$8, was knocked down to Mr. Li Pak at \$350 or \$152 above the upset price. The same gentleman also secured the second lot, which comprises 10,000 square feet, for \$630 or \$480 above the reserve. The Crown rent is \$38. It is interesting to note that in Sir Henry Blake's despatch on the New Territory, printed in our columns on Saturday, H.E. refers to "a wealthy and enterprising Chinese gentleman" who has established an experimental farm, in the New Territory, in the conduct of which the Botanical Department is giving him assistance and advice. It is well-known that Mr. Li Pak has extensive grounds in the Deep Bay district, and he has doubtless purchased the land in furtherance of his scheme.

## CANTON RIVER COMPETITION.

## THE NEW FRENCH STEAMERS.

The two twin-screw steamers, the *Paul Beau* and the *Charles Hardouin*, named after the two well-known French officials now at the head of the French Indo-China Government, and intended for the Hongkong-Canton line, are nearing completion at Nantes. They were ordered in December of last year, and are expected to be despatched to the Far East on the 1st September next, when they will at once be put upon the Hongkong-Canton run which they have been especially designed. It is, perhaps, superfluous to add that they will be granted a heavy subsidy by the French Government. The dimensions of the new vessels are as follows:—length, 69.50 metres (228 ft.); breadth, 11 m. 60 (38 ft.); depth, 3 m. 96 (13 ft.); draft, 2 m. 80 to 3 m. 9 (9 ft. 2 in. to 12 ft. 10 in.); displacement, 1,400 tons, when fully loaded; engines, triple expansion; speed, 12 knots. The steamers will be fitted with three decks and will have special holds for silk, and special accommodation for Chinese, while an opium divan will be fitted up on each ship.

An influential French official is said to be a member of the Franco-Chinese syndicate to which, it appears, the vessels belong.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

## MAILS DUE.

German (*Darym*) to-morrow.  
German (*Sachsen*) to-morrow.  
American (*Doris*) 19th inst.

The B. T. B. Co.'s s.s. *Lyra* arrived at Yokohama on 16th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benalder* left Singapore to-day, and is due here on 21st inst.

The C. P. & R. Co.'s s.s. *Tartar* arrived at Vancouver at 6.30 a.m., on 15th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Sacra* left Singapore for this port on 15th inst., at 10 a.m.

The C. & M. Co.'s s.s. *Zafra* left Manila on 15th inst., p.m., and is due here on Tuesday morning.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Doris*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port this morning, at 11 a.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Sachsen* left Shanghai on 15th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on 18th inst., at 5 a.m.

The C. P. & R. Co.'s s.s. *Athman* arrived at Shanghai at 3 p.m., on 15th inst., and left again at 1.30 p.m., Sunday, for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m., on 18th inst.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.



TELEGRAMS.  
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"  
SERVICE.

**Riot near Canton**  
AMERICANS OPEN FIRE  
KILLING THREE; WOUNDING FOUR.  
(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, 17th August,  
8.20 p.m.  
News of a serious riot, which broke out on Saturday and spread along the Canton-Hankow railway to Pao, has reached this city. The American employees working on the line were forced to use fire-arms with the result that three Chinese were killed and four wounded. Details are anxiously awaited.

**MORE TROOPS FOR KWANGSI.**  
Another batch of troops arrived on Saturday, the *Kuying* bringing fifteen hundred men and a quantity of munitions. They will be sent at once to Kwangsi in aid of the forces now under the Viceroy.

**Indisposition of Lord Salisbury.**  
LONDON, 14th August.  
Lord Salisbury is unwell and considerably exhausted.

**LATER.**  
The condition of Lord Salisbury is very grave.

[Last autumn the ex-Premier was laid up at Lucerne with a bad chill, accompanied by a cough and an attack of gout. The illness appeared to be much of the nature of that which last laid his Lordship up at Hatfield, with the additional complication of gout. He has long suffered from chronic kidney trouble. The following episodes in his great political career will doubtless be of interest. Briefly summarised they are as follows:—In 1843 he entered the House as the duly elected of Stamford; in 1854 he became Chancellor of Oxford University. The following year Lord Cranborne died, and Lord Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne-Cecil assumed the title. In 1866 he became Secretary for India, resigning on the Reform Bill 12 months later. That same year, 1867, he became Marquis of Salisbury. It was seven years later, in 1874, that he became Secretary for India, two years afterwards assuming the office of Plenipotentiary to Constantinople. In 1878 he was appointed Foreign Secretary, the same year attending the Berlin Conference. The year 1881 saw him Conservative Leader in the Upper House, four years later assuming the office of Prime Minister, which he finally relinquished in July, 1902. He was born at Hatfield, in 1815.—Ed. A.K.T.]

### The Proposed Stationing of Troops in South Africa.

Lord George Hamilton has announced that India does not agree to the scheme for the part payment of troops stationed in South Africa; the War Office therefore does not intend to incur the expenditure in South Africa which it would otherwise have done. The papers generally are pleased at the abandonment of Mr. Brodrick's South African proposal.

**LATER.**  
**The Murder of M. Rostkowski.**  
Turkey pays an indemnity of Francs 400,000 to the late M. Rostkowski's family, and the murderer has been executed.

M. Rostkowski's widow has declined the indemnity and returned her late husband's Turkish decorations.

**The Balkan Trouble.**  
The Turks have captured Krushivo and fighting continues outside the town.

A quantity of ammunition for Macedonia has been confiscated at the Belgrade Custom House packed in cases, marked hardware.

**Prorogation of Parliament.**  
Parliament is prorogued. The King's speech says "the situation in the European provinces of Turkey continues to be a subject of general anxiety; my Government and those of other Powers have used their best efforts to restrict the area of disturbance."

### The Commercial Treaty with China.

The ratifications of the treaty with China have been exchanged; portions of the treaty come into immediate operation.

### The Humbert Trial.

August 15th.  
The official liquidator of Humbert's property, in giving evidence, estimated a deficiency of £468,000.

[The case came on for hearing on the 7th inst., when Thérese and Frederic Humbert pleaded not guilty. The proceedings were then adjourned much to the disappointment of the large audience that had collected to witness the trial.]

### Russia and Turkey.

A squadron of the Russian Black Sea fleet at Sebastopol has been ordered to Turkish waters.

**The Heavy-Weight Championship.**  
Jeffries beat Corbett for the heavy-weight championship in ten rounds.

### The Near East.

Russia, with a view to the pacification of Macedonia, has demanded the punishment of all officials guilty of excesses and the re-employment of foreign officers in the Gendarmerie Police.

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### Governor of Australian Commonwealth.

London, August 8th.  
Lord Northcote was to-day gazetted governor of the Commonwealth of Australia vice Lord Tennyson.  
[Lord Northcote was born in 1846, and is the second son of Sir Stafford Northcote, Earl of Iddesleigh. He was appointed Governor of Bombay in 1899. In 1901 he was leader of the House of Commons. He entered the Foreign Office as a clerk in 1868 and was private secretary to Lord Salisbury at the Constantinople Embassy in 1876-77; secretary to Chancellor of Exchequer 1877-80; Financial Secretary to War Office 1875-86; Surveyor-General of Ordnance, 1886-87; Charity Commissioner, 1881-92; member of Parliament for Exeter, 1880-99.]

### Governor Taft to be Secretary of War.

San Francisco, August 11th.  
William H. Taft, Civil Governor of the Philippine Islands, is to enter the Cabinet. He will be Secretary of War. Elhu Root will retire in December next. Governor Taft is to succeed Secretary Root.

Luke E. Wright, now vice-governor of the Philippine Islands, will be the successor of William H. Taft as Civil Governor. This is the most important news of the day from Washington.

### THE EVO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.

#### REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir W. M. Goodman, in the Supreme Court this morning, the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings) appeared in support of a petition confirming a special resolution reducing the capital of the Evo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, from tael 1,750,000 to tael 750,000.

The Hon. Pollock said the application was made under the Companies Ordinances for confirmation by the Court of a resolution which had been passed at meetings of the Company held in Shanghai in July of last year. His Lordship has no doubt read the papers and seen from paragraph 8 of the petition that a special resolution of the Company was duly passed and confirmed in July, 1902, whereby it was resolved as follows: "That the capital of the Company be reduced from the sum of tael 1,750,000, divided into 17,500 shares of tael 100 each, to the sum of tael 750,000 divided into 7,500 fully paid up shares of tael 50 each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the 3,500 shares of the existing shares which have not been issued, and by cancelling capital which has been lost or is not represented by available assets to the extent of tael 50 per share upon each of the 15,000 fully paid up shares which have been issued and are now outstanding."

His Lordship said he had looked into the papers and seen from section 10 of the petition it was expressly stated that the reduction of capital did not involve either the diminution of any liability in respect of unpaid capital or the payment to any shareholder of any paid up capital. That being so he understood that creditors were practically unaffected by the reduction of capital.

The Hon. Pollock:—That is so.  
His Lordship observed that there appeared to be no creditor or anyone representing any creditors opposing the petition, and under the circumstances he thought applicant was entitled to the order granting the prayer of the petition.

The Court was adjourned sine die.

### THE CORONATION OF POPE PIUS X.

On Saturday at 6 p.m., at the invitation of His Lordship Bishop L. Piazzoli, a large congregation assembled at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Glenesly, to attend the ceremonies in honour of the coronation of his Holiness Pope Pius X. The service was of short duration, lasting half an hour only. It commenced with the singing of the Vespers which was followed by the *Te Deum*, concluding with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mgr. Piazzoli officiated and was assisted by the French and Spanish clergy of the Colony as well as the members of the Italian mission.

The *Attila* Cablenews prints the following wire from Rome dated 10th inst.:—

Pope Pius X. was crowned to-day with magnificent pomp. The ceremonies of the placing of the triple tiara on the head of the new Pontiff were magnificent in the extreme. They took place in the basilica of St. Peter's Church, and were attended not only by all the Cardinals of the Conclave, the entire Catholic Clergy of Italy, almost all the distinguished people of Italy, and hundreds from all parts of the world. The Pope bore the fatiguing ceremony well, and showed himself to be strong in body and mind. Cardinal Vanutelli will probably succeed Cardinal Rampolla as Secretary of State for the Papacy.

On the 12th inst., the same paper gives publicity to the rumours in Rome that alarming reports concerning the health of the Pope are being circulated there. Pius X. faired at mass to-day in the Papal chapel in the Vatican. He soon recovered consciousness and is resting easily in his bed. His physicians say that the strain of the Conclave and the subsequent ceremonies and press of business have affected his heart. He was ordered to rest as much as possible. It is not believed that the Pontiff is constitutionally weak or that he is apt to die, but rumours have been going the rounds that he will not live long. He is not old, is naturally robust, and doubtless will recover completely.

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## THE POLLARD COMEDY CO.

## "MY FRIEND FROM INDIA."

Saturday evening's performance by the Pollard Comedy Company of *My Friend from India* was a distinct success, the house being completely filled and the play presented in a clever style that elicited frequent applause from the audience.

This evening *My Friend from India* will occupy the boards. In the play the personnel is largely made up of the family of a retired pork packer of Kansas City who has gone east to storm the portals of New York society. One night the son, Charles Underholt, goes out with some boon companions, and becomes intoxicated, and the next morning finds he has brought home with him a man he has not seen before. From him he learns of his behaviour during the night, and being anxious to give some explanation of his non-appearance till the small hours of the morning persuades his friend (A. Keen Shaver) to impersonate an Indian pundit and theosophist. A name is selected from a list of passengers who arrived the day before, viz., "Rev. James Tweedle." Charles's father swallows the bait, thinking he can draw society by means of the theosophist, and accordingly advises the powers of the Rev. James, and makes it known that the pundit is his guest. Charles is now anxious to get rid of Shaver, but the old man will not let his companion out of his sight. Charles then makes up his mind, to impersonate the real Tweedle, and proves to his father that the other is an impostor. Tom Valentine, a suitor of Bernice Underholt, hits on the same idea for serving the old man, and gaining his consent to marry her. Meanwhile the real Tweedle has read the notices concerning his impersonator, and calls to find out what it means. He is met by Shaver who says that he is the son of Tweedle's brother John, who, he avers, was secretly married. In pursuance of his scheme, Underholt has issued invitations for a reception, at which the magic power of Shaver was to be displayed. Other members of the family have meanwhile learned who Shaver really is and decided it must not take place. Fortunately a maid had forgotten to post the invitations, and Shaver is left to make the old man believe he had imbibed so freely as to be quite inebriated. Things satisfactorily arrange themselves, and Underholt determines to let society alone, meanwhile Charles and Tom are happily married, as well as the Rev. James Tweedle.

*My Friend from India* will be repeated to-morrow, and on Wednesday and Thursday *Charles's Aunt* will be staged. On Friday and Saturday *Turned Up* will be performed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

## LATE DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH".  
Dear Sir,—The enclosed two registered envelopes bear the stamps of the Hongkong post office of 27th June and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (the latter just in time for the mail), that of the N. I. postal agency, Singapore, of the 30th of July. (The N. I. Government keeps a postal agent at the General Post Office, Singapore, as many years' experience has proved the inability of this State paid institution to forward letters to the different parts of the Dutch colonies without the assistance of a Dutch postal office). The latter stamp is evidently the receiving stamp and my inference is, that I must be glad that letters, of which the contents were especially important for me, have so carefully been looked after, that they reached Singapore safely in about 33 days. My correspondent tells me in his letter, that he received the two registered letters above mentioned at the same time with half a dozen other not registered covers dated from 1st to 14th of July. Registering a letter in the Hongkong Post Office, therefore, is safe enough, but scarcely advisable, as the special care bestowed on such letters seems to qualify only one steamer in three weeks (one in 20 to 30) to carry these letters to Singapore. Hongkong never tires to boast on being the second shipping centre of the world and yet it is evident, that there must be a special difficulty to despatch letters to the Dutch colonies, if the covers bear the enigmatical direction: via Singapore. May be, it would pay the authorities to appoint a geographic specialist, to teach the Hongkong postal servants, puzzled by the many European and American mails, something of the geography of the environs. Perhaps they would by and by get awake enough to do the tiresome extra work of stamping the chitbook for receiving letters without heavy sighs and extra charges in a country where every letter, the reception of which is not duly recognized, is stolen by the domestic messenger either on account of the value of the stamp (from one cent upward) or on principle of general fatigue.—Yours truly,  
F. M. Z. SIENEN.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

A WUCHOW, Kwangsi province, dispatch to the N. C. D. *News* states that the ammunition for Viceroy Tsén's forces in Kwangsi sent by the Board of Ordnance at Canton in obedience to H.E.'s instructions having been found to be entirely unfit for use—recalling the days of 1834 when Sheng Kung-pao purchased a huge quantity of cheap and antiquated cartridges, either of too large or too small bore for the firearms of the Chinese forces opposing the Japanese in Manchuria. Viceroy Tsén was greatly incensed at this sign of culpability and incapacity of the officials of that Board responsible for the purchase of the cartridges in question and at once telegraphed to the Acting Governor of Kwangtung to suspend the guilty officials who are to await examination by the Viceroy personally upon his return to Canton from Kwangsi.

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## NOTES ON THE TROUBLE

## IN KWANGSI.

A representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* has been fortunate enough to secure an interview with a well-known European official at Canton, who furnished some interesting details regarding the position of affairs in Kwangsi province. It seems that the new Viceroy has secured all the money he possibly could for the purpose of conducting the campaign against the rebels in the province and as a result trade in Canton has been considerably hampered, and scarcely any silver left in the city. He then departed to the disturbed districts taking with him all the available gunbombs and the pick of the native troops, which since the arrival of reinforcements, recorded in the *Telegraph* a few days since, comprise about 27,000 men. They are armed with all manner of weapons; some carrying old bell-mouthed blunderbusses; others having specially made mauls, which, according to our informant, after the first shot has been fired, are scarcely of any use. Some of the men raised locally are badly drilled and have no heart for the work; they are undisciplined and appear more terror-stricken than capable of striking terror. It is well known that when they get in the mountain passes and rebels commence pouring volleys down upon them from the heights, they are at a loss to know in which direction to run, but scatter in all directions like a flock of sheep. But apart from the fact that they are lacking in all military cohesion they need steady commanders of skill and courage, and in this respect, our representative learned, the most courageous they had ever had was the official recently arrested by order of the Viceroy for having executed a great many persons although acting strictly in accordance with his powers as a Chinese magistrate. The engagements which have taken place within the past week have invariably resulted in victories for the rebels. Questioned regarding the number of men now terrorising Kwangsi, our informant stated that it has been asserted the force comprises from 30,000 to 70,000, but a fair average would be to place the number at 35,000. They are formed into bands each of which appears to be working independently of the others. There is no commander-in-chief, and the only large body having a leader is a band of 8,000 men comprising the soldiers of Marshal Su, who are well-drilled having good arms, and unlike the usual method in practice among Chinese of firing into the air, invariably shoot to kill. But whatever their intentions may be, it is generally thought that the present Viceroy will use every endeavour to quell the disturbance.

The following clipping taken from the N. C. D. *News* furnishes further particulars relating to the subject:—

Owing to the scarcity of troops available in Kwangsi, Viceroy Tsén has been unable to make any headway against the rebels and there are several reports that H. E.'s troops have been defeated no less than three times within the month of July. As a matter of fact, it is conceded by everyone that the rebels are both better armed and better provided with modern ammunition than the troops Viceroy Tsén has with him, and in many instances even outnumber the Government forces. It is further stated that the troops just now in Kwangsi are so afraid of the rebels having been repeatedly defeated by them, that unless the former double the number of the rebels, whenever the two parties come across each other, the Government troops refuse to come out of their fortified camps to give battle and so the rebels simply overrun the country with impunity. It is confidently asserted that the Kwangsi Government forces must be entirely reorganised and composed of new troops fresh from other provinces and as well armed as the rebels before Viceroy Tsén will be able to restore order throughout the province. Even H. E.'s strong personality and popularity with his fellow provincials of Kwangsi are insufficient to restore confidence amongst the troops, while the situation at the present moment is considered by many persons to be grave. In the meantime H. E. is fully aware how things stand and he has sent urgent telegrams to the Viceroy and Governors of the Central provinces for speedy help.

## THE "SQUALID BONDS."

M. Pierre Baudin, the well-known Deputy and ex-Minister, has communicated to the *Journal* a forcible analysis of the *entente cordiale* upon its economic side. The statistics he quotes as to the volume and character of Anglo-French trade are familiar to students, as they cannot be kept too prominently before the public mind of both countries. England, M. Baudin reminds us, absorbs 30 per cent. of the total exports of France—twice as much as any other customer and more than twice as much as the whole of the French colonies. France takes only half as much merchandise in return (though she spends 350,000,000 francs upon freight in British vessels), and the balance of trade in her favour is augmented by the expenditure of 500,000,000 francs, which is reckoned to be a safe and moderate estimate of "the annual value of the British tourist." How great a sacrifice to both peoples would be caused by the disruption of their friendship M. Baudin takes to be self-evident from such tremendous figures. They may be "squalid bonds," as some of our politicians would say, but we need not be ashamed to hope that they are stout enough to keep the two nations linked together in concord and amity.

ADVICES from Paris, dated 12th inst., are to the effect that there was a most horrible sacrifice of human lives as a result of the terrible underground railway disaster. The bodies of nearly one hundred persons have been taken out of the tunnel and the search is still in its height, adding fresh horrors to the catastrophe as the hours progress.

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## COMMERCIAL.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1/9 1/2  
" Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/9 13/16  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 1/10 1/2  
" D'ments 4 months' sight ..... 1/10 1/2  
ON BERLIN, (demand) ..... M. 1.85  
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2.81  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 2.32  
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand ..... 44 1/2  
" Credits, 30 days' sight ..... 44 1/2  
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 135 1/2  
" On demand ..... 135 1/2  
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer ..... 72 1/2  
" Private 30 days' sight ..... nom.  
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. ..... 88  
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate ..... \$11.06  
Gold Leaf 100 (ouch, per tael ..... 58.00  
" Silver ..... 75 1/2

## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—  
MALWA NEW ..... @ No Sales  
" LAST YEAR ..... @ 920/940  
" OLDEST ..... @ 970/1,040  
PATNA NEW ..... @ 1,070  
" OLD ..... @ 1,085  
BENARES NEW ..... @ 1,070  
" OLD ..... @ No Sales  
PERSIAN (PAPER) ..... @ 730/800

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

RICHARD A. MCCURDY, President.

ORGANISED IN 1843.  
MR. GEORGE ECKLEY has been appointed AGENCY DIRECTOR of the above Company and a Branch Office has been opened in the Hongkong Club Annex, Ground Floor, Chater Road.  
By Order,  
BASIL H. BETTS,  
Special Representative for Hongkong, China and Japan.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [992e]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of August, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Barker Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, commencing from the 8th May, 1899.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of the Lot.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
1	Barker Road, adjoining R.H.L. 97.	20	20	50	50	1,000	6	100.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [993e]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship.

## "HAIMUN."

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAFFRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [994e]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship.

## "LOONGSANG."

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [995e]

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## STEAM FOR

FRITS, Ceylon, Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, Mediterranean Ports, Plymouth and London.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for UATVI, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICA, CAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

## "VALETTA."

Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying H. M. S. Mails, will be despatched from BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [996e]

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

EVERY EVENING.  
THE LAUGHING SEASON STILL CONTINUES.  
A MERRY AND UP-TO-DATE ATTRACTION.

## THE POLLARD ENGLISH COMEDY CO.

Including  
Mr. EDWARD NABLE,  
The Inimitable Comedian.

THE SEASON WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON SATURDAY NEXT.

LAST NIGHTS.	TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.	LAST NIGHTS.
SIX	"MY FRIEND FROM INDIA."	SIX
LAST	WEDNESDAY	LAST
SIX	THURSDAY.	SIX
NIGHTS.	"CHARLEY'S AUNT."	NIGHTS
LAST	FRIDAY	LAST
SIX	SATURDAY.	SIX
NIGHTS.	"TURNED UP."	NIGHTS

PLAN OF RESERVED SEATS at the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.

Prices ..... \$3, 2, and 1.

Tickets admitting Soldiers in Uniform may be obtained from the Colour-Sergeants.

Doors open at 8. Performance at 9 sharp.

Late Tram and Ferries will run after the Performance.

ALEC MIDDLETON, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [997e]

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

## THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR."

Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED Agents.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1903. [971e]

## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

## "MERIONETHSHIRE."

Captain G. C. Cundy, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [915e]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

## "LAISANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [996e]

## THE POPULAR SCOTCH "BLACK &amp; WHITE"

IS

"BLACK & WHITE"

JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.

SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.

By Appointment to H.M



## Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LD.

## JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"PINGSUEY"	On 20th August.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"GLAUCUS"	On 26th August.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"DEUCALION"	On 4th September.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 9th September.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"JASON"	On 17th September.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"PAK-LING"	On 23rd September.
ASGOW and LIVERPOOL.	"CALCHAS"	On 1st October.

S.S. "PING-SUEY" left Singapore 15th inst. and is due here 20th inst. a.m.  
S.S. "TELEMACHUS" left Tacoma on the 9th inst. for Japan Ports and Hongkong.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"TYDEUS"	On 18th August.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"NESTOR"	On 1st September.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"KINTUCK"	On 15th September.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd September.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"GLAUCUS"	On 29th September.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 13th October.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"JASON"	On 20th October.
ARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"PAK-LING"	On 27th October.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
ACTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"DEUCALION"	On 6th September.
	"CALCHAS"	On 2nd October.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	18th August.
ANILA	"KAIFONG"	19th "
LOILO	"WUCHANG"	20th "
HEFU and ILOILO	"HUNAN"	22nd "
HEFU and TIENSIN	"KWEIYANG"	26th "
ANILA	"CHANGSHA"	14th September.

\* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these  
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly  
qualified Surgeon is carried.† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian  
Ports.M.C.—RED U.D. SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO AFRICA AND  
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

## Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers  
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric  
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-  
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	MANILA, ILOILO and CEBU.	SATURDAY, 22nd Aug., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT).	THURSDAY, 27th Aug., at 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	—	SATURDAY, 29th Aug., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF  
JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,  
FOR

## PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Aug. 20, 1903.
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Sept. 13.
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	Oct. 14.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and  
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate  
with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	FRIDAY, 21st Aug.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SATURDAY, 22nd Aug.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 23rd Aug.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	—

\* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China  
and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is  
provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the  
Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoons at the Customs' water-front premises at  
Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze  
River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's  
steamers from Shanghai.For Freight, Passage, and further Information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at  
No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

## Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## HONGKONG-MANILA,

REDUCED SALOON PAS-  
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric  
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-  
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1903.

## STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw  
Steamer

## "KWONG CHOW"

1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONG-  
KONG for CANTON at 3.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,  
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning  
to Hongkong the following days leaving  
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommoda-  
tion for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted  
throughout by Electricity.Passage Fare, \$1 Single Journey.  
Meals \$1 each.The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-  
kong Harbour Master's Office.SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,  
No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1903.

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## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

## S.S. "WING CHAI,"

Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DEPARTURE from Hongkong (on Week  
Days) at 7.30 A.M. (on Sundays) at  
8.30 A.M. From Macao (Week Days) at about  
2 P.M. (Sundays) about 8 P.M.FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including  
cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.  
2nd Class, \$1.50; Return Ticket, \$2.50.  
3rd Class, \$1; Steerage, 50 cents.On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class  
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return  
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on  
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5.WHARF opposite Central Market.  
The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY  
SUNDAY in Summer.For Freight, &c., apply to—  
SAM WANG & CO., LD.,  
81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1903.

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## Shipping.

**Arrivals.**  
Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, Passmore, 16th Aug.,  
—Foonchow 14th Aug., and Amoy 15th  
Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Telnet, Ger. s.s., 1,578, Desler, 16th Aug.,  
—Swatow 15th Aug., Ballast.—S. & Co.  
Kwellin, Br. s.s., 1,073, McIntosh, 16th Aug.,  
—Shanghai 11th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.  
Pitchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,373, Hillmann, 16th  
Aug.,—Bangkok 9th Aug., Rice and Gen.  
—B. & S.  
Whampoa, Br. s.s., 1,109, Laver, 16th Aug.,  
—Canton 15th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.  
Rosetta Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,402, Smith, 16th Aug.,  
—Manila 14th Aug., Gen.—T. K. K.  
Hinsang, Br. s.s., 1,536, Sawyer, 16th Aug.,  
—Java 8th Aug., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.  
Laisang, Br. s.s., 2,235, Coniney, 17th Aug.,  
—Singapore 11th Aug., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, Moore, 17th Aug.,  
—Swatow 15th Aug., and Manila 15th Aug.,  
Gen.—B. & S.  
Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, Schalkier,  
17th Aug.,—Hiloh 16th Aug., Gen.—J. &  
Co.  
Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,597, Weigall, 17th Aug.,  
—Manila 14th Aug., Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Idzumi Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,031, Yagi, 17th Aug.,  
—Singapore 11th Aug., Gen.—N. Y. K.  
Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,237, Buhrmann, 17th Aug.,  
—Hongkong 15th Aug., Coal.—S. W. & Co.  
Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 1,484, Stehr, 17th Aug.,  
—Canton 17th Aug., Gen.—S. & Co.  
Keonwang, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Möllermann, 17th  
Aug.,—Bangkok 8th Aug., Rice.—B. & S.  
Hong Wan, J. s.s., 2,665, Penney, 17th  
Aug.,—Singapore 11th Aug., Gen.—Joo  
Teck Seng.  
Marquis Bouchard, Aust. s.s., 4,409, Rassey,  
17th Aug.,—Kobe 9th Aug., Gen.—  
S. V. & Co.  
Independent, Ger. s.s., 871, Ziegler, 17th Aug.,  
—Hiloh 13th Aug., Ballast.—S. W. & Co.

**Clearances at the Harbour Office.**  
Pak Kong, for Macao.  
Whampoa, for Shanghai.  
Wo Ping, for Wuchow.  
Wingchui, for Macao.  
Kwellin, for Canton.

**Departures.**  
Aug. 16.  
St. Bede, for Singapore.  
Pronto, for Shanghai.  
Pronto, for Newchwang.  
Anping Maru, for Swatow.  
Nanchang, for Chefoo.  
Hainan, for Swatow.  
Victoria, for Sourabaya.  
E-Sang, for Canton.

**Passengers arrived.**  
Per Haiching, from Coast Ports—50 Chinese.  
Per Carl Diederichsen, from Hiloh—103  
Chinese.  
Per Laisang, from Singapore—805 Chinese,  
and 2 Japanese.  
Per Loongsang, from Manila—Messrs. L.  
Santos, V. Costello, C. Goulo, M. Stern, Cheng  
Wai Tong, Mrs. Wesler and daughter, Mr. S.  
Humes, Mrs. Levenson, Messrs. C. Stewart, C.  
Ternacke, 10 Europeans and 32 Chinese.  
Per Changsha, from Australia—Mr. and Mrs.  
J. Kew, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Wing and 2 children,  
Messrs. Morrison, Turtan, McCruden, Craig,  
Bains, Conly, Kavanagh and Middleton. From  
Manila—Mrs. Kraft, Misses Ruth Kraft, Butler,  
L. Samuels, Messrs. Bowen, Rickenberg,  
Murray McLaughlin, Lieuts. Oscar Foley,  
Eben Swift, A. B. Docherty, and 95 Chinese.  
Per Rosetta Maru, from Manila—Messrs. E.  
E. Webster, S. Stanford, E. W. Johnson, J.  
G. O. Fisher, Captain J. J. W. Johnson, J.  
G. O. Fisher, Captain J. J. W. Johnson, J.  
Lopez, Master J. Lopez, Messrs. S. O. Bowers,  
E. Mayo, Pastor Kriel, Mrs. C. H. W. Aitken,  
Messrs. Chan Foon Fan, Cheng Man Po,  
W. G. Ward, 8 Taniguchi, J. S. Bryan, Major  
and Mrs. Kirby, and 9 Chinese. For Amoy  
—53 Chinese.  
Per Hong Wan, from Singapore—1,128  
Chinese.  
Per Idzumi Maru, from Singapore—Messrs.  
K. Kondo and J. Rock.

**Passengers departed.**  
Per Yuewang, for Manila—Messrs. Matthew  
Ting Cut Jim, E. F. Andrus, Neil R. Stewart,  
J. Korman, John I. Perkins, James Moore,  
Apolinario Roberto, T. A. Robinson, Gregorio  
Bayarin, Chao Jo Chuan, Tane Kam Yun, Ing  
Pico and Go Boco.  
Per Kasuga Maru, for Australian Ports—  
Messrs. A. J. Wicks, Joseph Winter, S. V.  
Winter, V. C. Ransone, Baron Bela von Sallay,  
Miss Nyulsay, Mr. R. Singleton, child and  
nurse, Consul Alfred Pfaff, Mr. J. A. Kiss,  
Miss Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Messrs.  
Ah Chee and Hang Yung.

**Ships Passed The Canal.**  
Outward—21st July—Renholder, Flintshire,  
Abyssinia, 24th July—Bennhor, Ping Suey,  
Achilles, 27th July—Auchard, Socotra,  
28th July—Sambila, Comber, 1st August—  
Bayern, Hilsch, 1st August—Sagacia, Salacia,  
5th August—Dangfa, Tiberghien, 8th August—  
Idomenus, Daulion, 12th August—Borneo,  
Fairlie, Regina, Zieten, 14th August—  
Australia, Axamontum, Lennox, Brigavilla,  
Simla, Manila, Glensack, Wakasa Maru, Vin-  
dobona.  
Homeward—24th July—Annam, 5th August—  
Preußen, 12th August—Suevia, Alcinous,  
Arara, Ernest Simons, Glenfarge, 14th Bango  
Maru, Anana.

**Arrivals at Home—21st July—Malacca,  
Oceania, Tanlatul, China, 27th July—Sado  
Maru, Stuttgart, 1st August—Segovia, 5th  
August—Roon, Bennhor, 7th August—Bom-  
bay, 8th August—Antenor, Marburg, 12th  
August—Strassburg, 12th August—Canton,  
14th August—Hyson, Kawachi Maru, Nubla**

## Shipping Reports.

**Str. Kwellin from Shanghai**—Strong vari-  
able winds, heavy rains.  
**Str. Latsing from Singapore**—Light to mo-  
derate winds, fine weather with occasional rain  
showers; sea moderate.  
**Str. Haiching from Foonchow**—There to  
Amoy fresh S.W. winds, and head sea; Amoy  
to port light S.W. winds, S.W. swell, and showery  
weather.  
**Str. Loongsang from Manila**—Light W. by  
wind, and fine weather until about 200 miles  
from port, when strong W.S.W. wind with  
heavy rain was met with, wind decreased as  
the land was approached, sea moderate.

**Str. Changsha from Australia**—Left Sydney  
on the 22nd ult., and experienced moderate to  
fresh wind and fine weather throughout, to  
Manila arriving on the 13th inst., leaving on  
the 14th moderate breeze and fine weather,  
threatening weather, sharp squalls and rain  
towards Hongkong.

## Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Bayern	Singapore	M. & Co.	Aug. 18
Sachsen	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Aug. 18
Zafiro	Manila	S. T. & Co.	Aug. 18
Doric	Shanghai	O. & Co.	Aug. 19
Socotra	Singapore	P. & O.	Aug. 19
Benalder	Singapore	G. L. & Co.	Aug. 21
Lothian	San Francisco	C. M. Co.	Aug. 26
Indrasamha	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Sept. 3

## Vessels in Port.

STRANERS.
Aki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,995, Ekstrand, 11th Aug., —Seattle, U.S.A. 11th July, and Shanghai 8th Aug., Matches and Gen.—N. Y. K. Amara, Br. s.s., 1,565, Matlock, 13th Aug., —Java 5th Aug., Sugar.—J. M. & Co. An Pho, Br. s.s., 966, Kynoch, 14th Aug., —Saigon 10th Aug., Rice and Meal.—B. & Co. Arnold Lyken, Ger. s.s., 1,095, Ueberfeldt, 15th Aug.,—Saigon 11th Aug., Rice.—E. A. T. Co. Arratoon Apar, Br. s.s., 2,931, Fey, 11th Aug., —Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 6th Aug., Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd. Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,107, Bendixen, 12th Aug.,—Hongkong and Hiloh 11th Aug., Pigs and Cows.—J. & Co. Claverhill, Br. s.s., 1,029, Seldon, 11th Aug., —Cardiff 23rd June, Fuel.—Admiralty. Devanongse, Ger. s.s., 1,057, Kimpel, 10th Aug.,—Bangkok via Swatow 9th Aug., Rice.—B. & S. Devonshire, Br. s.s., Coull, 29th July,—Cardiff 13th June, and Port Said—28th, Coal.— Admiralty. Edward Pary, Russian s.s., 1,734, Sevonihs, 15th Aug.,—Moji 7th Aug., Coal.—B. & Co. Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, Mitchell, 15th Aug., —Canton 14th Aug., Gen.—J. M. & Co. Glenturret, Br. s.s., 4,428, Webster, 15th Aug., —London 3rd July, and Singapore 9th Aug., Gen.—MacG. B. & Co. Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, Suzoni, 12th Aug., —Hiloh and Hiloh 11th Aug., Gen.— and Rigs.—A. R. M. Indrapur, Br. s.s., 3,151, Hollingsworth, 14th Aug.,—Portland, Or. via Japan Ports 10th July, Gen.—P. & A. S. Co. Ingalls, Am. s.s., 1,347, Harrison, 19th July, —Manila, P.I. via Mauban 7th July, Ballast. —Order. Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Pennefather, 11th Aug., —Hiloh 7th Aug., Sugar.—B. & S. Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,292, Spiesen, 13th Aug., —Bangkok 6th Aug., Rice and Timber. —B. & S. Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, Torible, 11th Aug., —Singapore 5th Aug., Gen.—B. & S. Machew, Ger. s.s., 956, Hayes, 14th Aug., —Bangkok 7th Aug., and Hiloh 13th, Rice. —M. & Co. Maidzum Maru, Jap. s.s., 667, Saito, 15th Aug., —Amoy via Amoy and Swatow 14th Aug., Gen.—D. S. K. Michael, Ger. s.s., 710, Uldrup, 14th Aug.,—Haiphong 10th Aug., Pakhoi 11th, and Hiloh 13th, Gen.—J. & Co. Persia, Aust. s.s., 3,779, Craghito, 14th Aug., —Singapore 8th Aug., Gen.—S. W. & Co. Phra Chula Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,568, Bohn, 13th Aug.,—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 7th Aug., Rice.—B. & S. Pleiades, Am. s.s., 2,932, Purrrington, 12th Aug., —Manila 9th Aug., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd. Pompey, Am. s.s., 1,200, Range, 28th May, —Manila, P.I. 25th May, Ballast.—U. S. Government. Sishan, Br. s.s., 845, Jones, 8th Aug.,—Saigon 4th Aug., Rice.—B. & Co. Taitu, Ger. s.s., 1,063, Menzell, 20th June, —Mauritius via Singapore 14th June, Gen.— E. A. T. Co. Ulbrand, Ger. s.s., 1,286, Andersen, 14th Aug., —Moji 9th Aug., Coal.—C. & Co. Wuchang, Br. s.s., 801, Somerville, 15th Aug.,—Cebu 10th Aug., Gen.—B. & S.

## SAILING VESSELS.

Columbia, Am. sch., 772, Sprague, 27th Mar., —B. & S. Comet, Br. 4-masted bq., 2,890, Davis, 4th Aug.,—New York 9th Apr., Kerosine.—S. O. Co. Grosvenor, Br. bq., 516, Boga, 14th June, —Mauritius 16th Jan., Sugar.—A. & Co. Helena Wyman, Am. bq., 1,521, Vanhon, 10th Aug.,—Singapore 1st Aug., Ballast. —Master. Vale of Doon, Sarawak bq., 669, Pedersen, 27th July,—Rajang 11th July, Timber.—S. W. & Co.
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## Hongkong &amp; Whampoa Dock Returns.

U.S.A.T. Ingalls	at Kowloon Dock
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Kaipan	"
U.S.S. Callao	"
Maidzum Maru	"
Pleides	"
Sishan	"
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A Mail will close for:—

Swatow, Amoy and Foonchow—Per Haiching,  
18th inst., 9 A.M.  
Hiloh and Haiphong—Per Hongkong, 18th  
inst., 9 A.M.  
Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Telarlas, 18th  
inst., 9 A.M.  
Canton—Per Kinsan, 18th inst., 9.30 A.M.  
Bangkok—Per Devanongse, 18th inst.,  
11 A.M.  
Shanghai—Per Taitshun, 18th inst., 1 P.M.  
Macao—Per Heungshan, 18th inst., 1.15 P.M.  
Yokohama and Kobe—Per Persia, 18th inst.,  
4 P.M.  
Shanghai—Per Whampoa, 18th inst., 4 P.M.  
Canton—Per Pawan, 18th inst., 5 P.M.  
Macao—Per Taitshun, 18th inst., 5 P.M.  
Nagasaki—Per Wanchai, 18th inst., 5 P.M.  
Sanbue—Per Lee Wing, 18th inst., 5 P.M.  
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per  
Marquis Duquesne, 19th inst., 10 A.M.  
Chinking and Wuhu—Per Kowloon, 19th  
inst., 10 A.M.  
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Sachsen, 19th inst., 11 A.M.  
Manila—Per Kaijong, 19th inst., 3 P.M.  
Shanghai—Per Lyeemoon, 19th inst., 3 P.M.  
Manila—Per Rosetta Maru, 20th inst.,  
10 A.M.  
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria (B.C.), and  
Tacoma—Per Hilda, 20th inst., 11 A.M.  
Hiloh—Per Wuchang, 20th inst., 3 P.M.  
Cebu and Hiloh—Per Hunan, 21st inst.,  
3 P.M.  
Manila—Per Loongsang, 21st inst., 3 P.M.  
Manila, Hiloh and Cebu—Per Persia, 22nd  
inst., 9 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Hondulu and San Francisco—Per City of  
Peking, 22nd inst., 11 A.M.  
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Caledonia, 25th inst., 11 A.M.  
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria,  
(B.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—Per Aki Maru,  
25th inst., 3 P.M.  
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cook-  
town, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney  
and Melbourne—Per Empire, 26th inst., 11 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of  
India, 26th inst., 11 A.M.  
Chefoo and Tientsin—Per Kwellin, 26th  
inst., 3 P.M.  
Manila—Per Zafiro, 27th inst., 9 A.M.  
Manila—Per Rubi, 27th inst., 9 A.M.  
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
Valeria, 29th inst., 11 A.M.  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of  
Japan, 23rd Sept., 11 A.M.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,  
Acting Director of the Hongkong Observa-  
tory.  
On the 17th at 11.30 a.m. the barometer has  
risen slightly on the China coast, fallen a little  
over Luzon.  
Pressure remains high over Japan, and prob-  
ably a low pressure trough will form over the  
N. part of the China Sea and the Pacific to the  
E. of N. Luzon.  
Gradients slight for S.E. and E. winds over  
the China coast, and for S.W. winds over the  
middle part of the China Sea.  
The late typhoon appears to have recurved  
and to have passed from Shantung to the  
Yellow Sea yesterday.  
Forecast:—moderate E. winds; showery.

	On date at 4 P.M.	On date at 4 P.M.
Barometer	29.78	29.73
Temperature	82	78
Humidity	80	93
Rainfall	1.06	—

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind	W.
Vladivostok	7 a.m. 29.88	68	—	0	c
Nemuro	6 a.m. 29.92	—	NW	6	c
Hakodate	29.97	—	NW	4	c
Tokio	29.94	—	N	2	c
Kochi	29.95	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	29.95	—	SE	2	c
Kagoshima	29.95	—	—	—	—
Oshima	29.95	—	SE	2	c
Naha	29.95	—	SE	2	c
Ishigakijima	29.95	—	SE	2	c
Taihou	5 a.m. 29.85	—	N	4	c
Taihu	29.85	—	—	—	—
Tainan	29.85	—	SE	2	c
Koshun	29.85	—	—	—	—
Pescadore	29.85	—	—	—	—
Weihowai	9 a.m. 29.85	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.93	81	87	SSW	4 bv
Sharp Peak	29.87	82	83	—	0
Amoy	6.30 a.m. 29.85	80	87	SE	1 c
Swatow	9 a.m. 29.81	77	91	SE	1 od
Canton	—	83	91	SE	1
Hongkong	10 a.m. 29.81	77	91	E	2
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	29.78	—	—	E	2
Macao	29.76	77	—	SE	2 or
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	29.84	80	71	WSW	1 c
Malate	9 a.m. 29.81	—	—	SSW	2 c
Bacolod	29.91	87	—	ENE	1 b
Colito	29.89	85	—	—	0
Iebu	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	10 a.m. 29.81	—	—	—	—

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<b>BANKS.</b>			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$635
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 8	3/4 = \$1.00 for 1902	\$29
Do Founders	\$ 1	None	\$10
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>			
Union In. Society of C'ton, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$497
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	10 % = \$2 1/2 per share for 1902	\$101
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of £1 for 1902	Tls. 2
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$132
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	28 % = \$14 per share for 1901	\$177
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$22 per share for 1901	\$127
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$86
<b>SHIPPING.</b>			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$36
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 % = 50 cents per share for 1902	\$50
China & Malacca S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	10 % = \$5 per share for 1902	\$50
Douglas S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of £1 for 1902	Tls. 2
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	20 % = \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$25
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	60 cts. 30/4/3	\$18
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	Tls. 2
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 5 % making 7 % for the year	Tls. 2
Shanghai Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 20 % for 1902	Tls. 2
Co-operative Cargo B. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 13 % for 1902	Tls. 2
<b>REFINERIES.</b>			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$56
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 % for year ending 30.9.02	Tls. 7
<b>MINING.</b>			
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